

REMARKS AND ARGUMENTS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant asserts that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful.

Status of Claims

Claims 18-27, 29 and 31-34 are pending in the application. Claims 18-29 and 31-34 have been rejected. Claim 28 has been cancelled. Claims 18 and 31 have been amended.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

The Telephone Interview

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner, Robert Popovics, for granting and attending the telephone interview on May 25, 2005 with Applicant, Applicant's Representatives, Guy Yonay, attorney of record for Applicant, and Joel Stein, Esq. Prior art discussed in the interview included generally the art cited by the Examiner as was attached to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2004.

In the interview, Applicant and Applicant's representatives discussed proposed amendments to the claims to overcome the Examiner's rejections. More specifically, the Examiner's rejections of independent claims 18 and 31 were discussed. The Examiner indicated that the proposed amendments raised new issues, and further indicated that the mere changing of a valve absent a showing of unexpected results specifically associated therewith would not constitute a patentable distinction. The Examiner urged a thorough review of the prior art cited in the July 13, 2004 Office Action. No specific agreement was reached regarding the rejections or the allowability of the pending claims.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 18-29 and 31-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks that follow.

Amended independent claim 18 recites "transferring said gray water from said upper tank to flow to said plurality of water targets using gravitational force, said gray water entering at least one of said water targets through a valve, said valve to open at pressure as low as 0.2 atmospheres". Applicant respectfully asserts that this amendment renders independent claim 18 proper under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Amended independent claim 31 recites "supplying said gray water to at least one water target using gravitational force through a valve at an entry to said at least one water target, said valve to open at pressure as low as 0.2 atmospheres" Applicant respectfully asserts that this amendment renders independent claim 31, proper under 35 USC 112 second paragraph, and requests that the rejection of claim 31 be withdrawn.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that amended independent claims 18 and 31 are allowable. Claims 19-27, 29 and 32-34 depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 18 and 31, and therefore include all the limitations of those claims. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 19-27, 29 and 32-34 are likewise allowable. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections to independent claims 18 and 31 and to dependent claims 19- 27, 29, and 32-34, as being indefinite under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

Applicant has cancelled claim 28 without prejudice or disclaimer to resubmission in a divisional or continuation application.

CONCLUSION

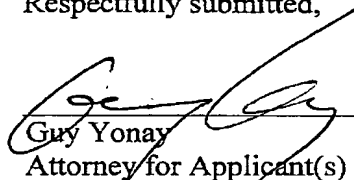
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

Fees for a one-month extension of time are being requested separately. No other fees associated with this paper are believed to be due. If any such fees are due, Examiner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to deposit account No. 50-3355.

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